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Railroad Museum Gets in the Jazzy Spirit With Music Aboard Trains & Free Admission to Sacramento Music Festival Badge Holders *Special Jazz-Related Activities Inside Railroad Museum -- May 24-27*

SACRAMENTO – Coinciding with the 40th Anniversary Sacramento Music Festival happening over Memorial Day weekend in Old Sacramento, California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum will celebrate the holiday by offering jazz music inside the Railroad Museum, aboard popular weekend excursion train rides and even complimentary admission to event badge holders.

Inside the Museum, visitors will be treated to a special poetry reading that will include jazz music on Saturday, May 25, from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the East Theater. And, guests who choose to take a lovely six-mile, 45-minute round trip excursion train ride along the levees of the Sacramento River will also be entertained on board by talented banjo performers from the Sacramento Banjo Band.

Weekend excursion train rides will be offered on Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the holiday weekend (May 25-27). Trains depart hourly from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. all three days from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot in Old Sacramento (located on Front Street between J and K Streets). The train features a combination of vintage closed coaches with comfortable seats, and open-air gondolas with bench style seating.

Regular Museum admission applies all weekend except is complimentary for Sacramento Music Festival badge holders. Excursion train ride tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 6-17), are free for ages 5 and under and are available in-person on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 10:30 a.m. the day of the train ride at the Sacramento Southern Railroad ticket office. For passengers desiring a ride aboard the first-class car *El Dorado* -- a beautifully restored 1920s lounge observation car which offers large picture windows, plush seating and air conditioning -- tickets are \$15 per person and free for children 5 and under. Tickets to ride the *El Dorado* are available to book online in advance at www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org

About the California State Railroad Museum

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Widely regarded as North America's finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, visit www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org or call (916) 445-6645.